

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 796

By Kilby

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Benjamin Ellis, 2006
Valedictorian of York Institute.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students who, through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence, have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Benjamin Ellis is one such exceptional student who was recently named Valedictorian of the 2006 graduating class at York Institute; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and steadfast commitment of time and talent, Mr. Ellis has achieved outstanding academic success and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, in his remarkable high school career, Benjamin Ellis has earned an exemplary 4.0 grade point average; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his status as a stellar scholar, this exceptional young man has earned numerous accolades; he was selected to the A-Team and earned Highest Distinction honors during all four years of his scholastic career at York Institute and received the Bausch and Lomb Science Award, Calculus Award, Pre-Calculus Award, Geometry Award, English II Award, English III Award, and the Writing Award; and

WHEREAS, a valuable participant in his school's activities and his community's affairs, Benjamin is a member of several academic, social, and civic organizations, including the Beta Club, Science Club, English Club, Interact, and the Pep Club; and

WHEREAS, Benjamin Ellis has evidenced a strong commitment to public service and good citizenship at an early age, and he volunteers his time and considerable talents to worthy

causes, including the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life and trick-or-treating for UNICEF; and

WHEREAS, Benjamin's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for his success in college and throughout life; and

WHEREAS, his noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for his parents, Paul and Sharon Ellis, his school, and his community; and

WHEREAS, Benjamin Ellis's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend Benjamin Ellis, 2006 York Institute Valedictorian, on his impressive academic achievement and extend to him our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.